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Most Tasmanians own older cars

Flinders Island residents drive some of Australia's oldest cars, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

More than three in every four registered motor vehicles on the island are over 10 years old – the highest proportion of any region in Australia.

In fact, of the ten Local Government Areas with the highest proportion of older cars, six are located in Tasmania. Southern Midlands, Tasman, King Island, Derwent Valley and Central Highlands all have more than 64% of their registered motor vehicles over 10 years of age.

The above vehicle data are just part of many economic, social and environmental statistical online profiles updated today for over 2000 regions across Australia. This includes 29 local government areas in Tasmania.

The ABS's National Regional Profile makes it easy for local communities to compare their regions with neighbouring districts, other regions in Western Australia and elsewhere in Australia.

There are data available on hundreds of items, including estimated resident population, unemployment rates, number of motor vehicles, value of building approvals, and much more.

For example, did you know:

- The Local Government Area of Latrobe is Tasmania's fastest growing region, its population increasing by over 4% between 2009 and 2010;
- West Coast residents earn, on average, the highest salaries of all regions in Tasmania (\$48,472 in 2008-09), slightly higher than salary earners living in Hobart; and
- The Local Government Area of Hobart has the highest average value of private sector housing approvals (\$319,000) in the state, followed by Flinders (\$260,000) and Launceston (\$252,000).

Regional information is available over a five year period up to 2010, so local communities can track changes over time in the characteristics of their areas.

The Google Maps interface makes finding regions a cinch. To get started, just click on the 'National Regional Profile' link on the ABS website, www.abs.gov.au.

Media Note:

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